

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 18**

January 7, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines aggressive driving as three traffic violations committed during one episode of continuous driving of a vehicle; creates a new Class B misdemeanor offense for aggressive driving; creates a new Class A misdemeanor offense for aggressive driving where the driver intended to injure another person.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue - \$11,400**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$5,000/One-Time**

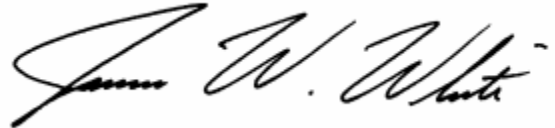
**Increase Local Revenue - \$600**

Assumptions:

- The Department of Safety (DOS) estimates the total number of offenses for aggressive driving to be 50 per year (25 Class B misdemeanors and 25 Class A misdemeanors).
- According to DOS, the average fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$100; the average fine for a Class A misdemeanor is \$500.
- Twenty percent of individuals convicted of aggressive driving will not pay fines due to indigence.
- The total increase of fine revenue is estimated to be \$12,000 per year  $((25 \times \$100) + (25 \times \$500)) \times 80\% = \$12,000$ .
- Local courts receive five percent of total fine revenue as commission.
- The increase to local government revenue is estimated to be \$600 per year  $(\$12,000 \times 5\% = \$600)$ .
- The increase to state revenue is estimated to be \$11,400 per year  $(\$12,000 - \$600 \text{ local share} = \$11,400)$ .
- A one-time increase to state expenditures for computer and software modifications estimated to be \$5,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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